

SILVERITES ARE STILL DIVIDED.

Have Agreed as to the Platform, but Not on a Candidate.

No Present Prospect of Uniting the Delegates on Any Man.

A Lack of Concerted Action Has Prevented Organization.

All Silver Delegations Invited to Send Representatives to a Caucus To-day.

FRUITLESS CONFERENCE HELD.

Leaders Say It Will Be Impossible to Organize the Silver Faction into a Compact and Disciplined Force Prior to the Convention.

Journal Convention Headquarters, Palmer House, Chicago, July 5.—The silver forces have a disorganized element. In the corridors of the hotels, the silver men are everywhere, but they are not united. They are not united in their aims, and they are not united in their action. They are not united in their platform, and they are not united in their candidate. They are not united in their organization, and they are not united in their future.

Some of the most prominent and active of the silver leaders have admitted that there was no prospect in sight of uniting the silver delegates upon a Presidential candidate in advance of the convention.

Agreed on the Platform Only.

Almost the silver leaders can say is: they are all agreed upon the platform. It is true, but they are not agreed upon anything else. The scheme of a general caucus composed of all the silver delegates has been rejected as impracticable by all save a small minority. Men who have had experience in conventions and parliamentary bodies say it is out of the question to take the 600 silverites, many of whom have never even attended a caucus, and bring them into a compact and organized force, ready to follow designated leaders without question or discussion.

Another barrier to the plan of a general caucus is the want of a room or hall sufficient in size to contain all the silver delegates. It has been virtually decided that the possibility of organizing the silver forces is to devolve upon the steering committee and last Friday night. This committee consists of one member from each of the delegations. With the view of the important matter of organizing the steering committee held a conference of the pro-silver members of the convention this afternoon. This or "conference," as these secret sessions are called, out of deference to the opinion of some delegates to the rule caucus, was held at the Sherman in one of the rooms of the bimacromantic National Committee. The in which this conference was called was the lack of concerted action of the silverites.

Lack of Concerted Action. It was agreed last night that a conference should be held between the steering committee and the silver members of the National Committee for the purpose of planning a plan for the election of a temporary chairman acceptable to the silver. This action was urged by Charles Thomas, member of the National Committee for Colorado. He is the avowed of numerous silverites for temporary chairman, and naturally Mr. Thomas is using his influence to attain the honor. The conference was decided upon by half the leaders, but no formal call was made. The managers trusted to verbal messages reaching all those entitled to be present. The word was passed around, did not spread sufficiently to inform all gentlemen entitled to participate. Some dissatisfaction was expressed by those who were not advised in time to attend. These tests were not vehement, by any means, tended to make manifest the absence of system or organization in the silver ranks.

A Fruitless Conference.

The conference lasted two hours, but resulted in nothing definite. C. S. Thomas, White and ex-Congressman Bryan were the most prominent of the silverites desired in the temporary chairman. Attention was called to the fact that Mr. Bryan is not yet a delegate, the effect of virtually taking him out of the race. With regard to Senator White, said that nobody had authority to him for temporary chairman. Senator White said he would not appear as a candidate for Senator Hill. Thomas was present and entirely agreed. It was concluded to remit the subject to the Steering Committee, was appointed chiefly to arrange the action of a friend of silver as

temporary chairman. Only five or six members of the National Committee were present. It was stated that some of the members of the National Committee who were not friends of silver had expressed their willingness to abdicate the prerogative of the committee to name a temporary chairman and submit the question to the convention for its action. The silver men would cheerfully accept this as a most satisfactory solution of the controversy with the National Committee, but the peaceful proposal, as was explained, came from individual members and not from the officials or a majority of the committee.

As the committee will meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning to settle this question the conference decided to adjourn, leaving further action to the Steering Committee at its meeting to-morrow afternoon. Should the National Committee consent to leave the selection of temporary chairman to the convention in order to avoid a test, that method will be promptly accepted by the Silver Committee.

Caucus of Silverites To-day.

Every free silver delegation has been invited to have a representative at a caucus that is to be held to-morrow at the Sherman House. The silver men say that they do not like the idea of certain candidates competing with the gold delegates, and insist that the caucus is the only way to insure the selection of what they call a "true" silver candidate.

The representatives at to-morrow's conference are to have authority to pledge delegations to abide the result of the caucus, which is to be held to-morrow night at 8 o'clock. The expectation of those arranging for the caucus is that all of the silver delegations will not be represented, but as one of the organizers of the caucus expressed it, the plan is "to threaten and take an aggressive stand against any free silver candidates who will not go into the caucus and take part."

The orthodox free silver men are of the opinion that the gold men intend throwing their influence and votes to a candidate "who is so weak that he cannot be elected, or to some man who can be made to do whatever the gold men want." Said one of the advocates of the caucus idea:

"There are about 300 gold delegates, and if the free silver men do not present a caucus delegate the minority will throw its votes to some one who will be objectionable, and when it is so easy to select an acceptable candidate it should be done. The gold men are here like the Greeks, bearing gifts, and we want no trading from that side."

GOLD ADVOCATES.

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The apparent strength of the conservative free silver element. They predict a better feeling in the convention than what at first thought possible.

Mr. Whitney hit off to-day's dominant sentiment when he said: "We have now got to the stage where we touch elbows." Mr. Hill and his lieutenants, while

pleased at the growth of the moderate feeling, do not expect any absolutely pleasing result. Their energies will be bent toward securing the least objectionable candidate from an Eastern standpoint and the exclusion of the platform of the radical sentiments of Tillman and Altgeld. The East feels that this moderate victory is essential to the Democratic party at this stage. Admitting that all hope for the maintenance of the present gold standard is lost, they wish to prevent the incorporation into the party's platform of the doctrine which Messrs. Altgeld and Tillman have advised on other questions.

Foilers Becoming More Numerous.

Singularly enough, as the feeling of the silver men toward the East seems to be growing less pleasant, the advocates of a split among the gold men are becoming more numerous. Journal correspondents have talked to a score of gold men to-day including Senator Gray, Mr. Harbitt, William F. Sheehan and Ben T. Cable, and none was willing to express even privately an opinion as to what the Eastern contingent may do ultimately.

"The silver men are handling dynamite," said one of these gentlemen, "and they do not seem to know it. The situation among the Eastern representatives is really growing serious. It is impossible to accurately predict what the gold men will really do. If the National Committee's temporary organization is overthrown by the convention, such a violation of all precedents would be in the nature of adding fuel to the already brisk flame."

"There are those among the Eastern representatives who strongly believe in remaining in the convention, no matter what happens. There is another element that just as strongly believes that a physical withdrawal from the convention is necessary for the vindication of Democratic principles. There is no telling what will happen. Undoubtedly, the repudiation by the convention of the temporary organization suggested by the National Committee would make it extremely difficult to control those who advocate a bolt."

The silver men are being talked to in the same way. The statement just quoted has, in substance, been conveyed to every silver delegation in the city. While the object of the constant repetition of this threat by implication is to prevent the silver men from voting some one other than Mr. Hill into the temporary chair, there is no question that it is an exact statement of to-day's situation. The upshot of all this talk will be a strong effort on the part of the conservative men, in both the gold and silver camps, to bring about a state of comparative harmony.

Gold Men for Stevenson.

One of the objects of the gold men was hinted at to-day in the frequent reference to the presumptive wisdom of nominating for President Adlai E. Stevenson. The gold men say that he would be more satisfactory probably than any one else now in the field, and argue that he could not possibly be objectionable to the silver men. The gold standard champions assert that

Mr. Stevenson is a believer in the 16 to 1 ratio, while their opponents take a totally different view of the Vice-President and his position, and say that at this time there must be no doubt about the position of the man nominated. They think there is a strong doubt as to Mr. Stevenson's views on the monetary question.

It may be authoritatively stated that the gold men, who have been conferring in knots and groups all day, have not come to any definite conclusion on any point, except that one involving the presentation of Mr. Hill's name as temporary chairman. The gold men do not know at this writing whether they will withdraw from the convention, in the event of Mr. Hill's repudiation, whether they will cast their votes on the first ballot in a solid block for Mr. Patterson, or split up the votes among several sound money men; whether eventually they will support Mr. Bole, Governor Matthews, of Indiana, or John R. McLean, of Ohio, or whether or not they will suggest some such man as Stevenson.

In a word the gold standard adherents are playing a waiting game. They are on the defensive entirely. Their chief effort at this time has for its object the holding together of all the gold delegates.

Cable Takes a Gloomy View.

Ben T. Cable, the leader of the sound money men of Illinois, takes a gloomy view of the situation from the gold standpoint. He sees nothing but defeat for the cause the East represents. He takes no stock in the hope expressed by some of these gold men to the effect that if the silver candidates quarrel among themselves sufficiently vigorously the gold men will be able to dominate the convention.

"It is useless to harbor delusions," said Mr. Cable to-day. "There is absolutely no hope for us. This convention is going to adopt a free silver platform at the ratio of 16 to 1. It is going to nominate a candidate to fit the platform. I can see no earthly hope of changing this result. The silver men may be quarrelling among themselves now over the question of candidates, but the minute the cause of free silver seems to be in jeopardy, that minute will they smooth out their differences and become united."

"This silver craze is going to grow. It is going to become as dominant in the East as it is to-day in the West. The gentlemen from the East with whom I have talked do not seem to realize the peculiar quality of the silver mania. It is worse than the grip; the contagion is in the air. I am not prepared to state what will occur in the Eastern States, but I do say, after a thorough tour of this State, that Illinois will give a Democratic majority of 50,000 for a free silver candidate."

The "Silver Martyr" Arrives.

The gold managers were not disturbed at the advent of William P. St. John, the silver martyr, the New York bank president, who was recently thrown out of office because of his silver views, and who came to-night. With him was John Brisson Walker, the magazine editor, who is also a New York silverite.

The arrival of Mr. St. John started a little boom for him for second place on the ticket. Missouri and Iowa politicians are especially favorable to him. They think if a Western man gets first place it will be good policy to put up an Eastern man for second place.

Mr. St. John gave out that he was here as a spectator, wishing only to aid the cause of silver, and desiring no Vice-Presidential honors in reward for his martyrdom. Edward Walker declared that, with proper missionary work, New York State might yet be converted to silver. He thought the promulgation of silver ideas in New York City would do much among the workmen.

The gold men gloomily greeted the arrival of delegations from gold States. Maryland, with a majority of delegates for gold, came in at noon. New Jersey was well represented to-night by the arrival of Rufus Blodgett and a dozen more dele-

gates, who were quickly invited to participate in the second formal conference of the gold managers in the Auditorium parlor. Don Dickinson gilded about coolly and smoothly, insisting that gold was making headway "because we are united, we have a solid, perfected, harmonious organization," said Dickinson.

"The silver men are now disorganized, unsettled and yelling at each other. They can't agree on the wording of a platform. They are unable to combine on a candidate for President. Bole and Bland are killing each other. There is an intrigue among Missouri delegates which means a knifing of Bland. I know this to be so. Now what have the silver men done in a week, when they have had things all their own way? They have agreed to nothing. They have accomplished nothing."

The gathering of gold men for a second secret conference to-night made no such stir in the hotel, as that of Friday. The parlor lobby was not thronged with curious spectators. The gold men came in by twos and threes, and were remarkably solemn. The word had gone out that something serious would be the outcome of to-night's session. Whitney and Russell were early arrivals.

Governor Flower came late. Colonel Fellows and others of the New York crowd chatted in the lobby with friends and gave out no hint of any serious intentions about bolting or belligerency. Quite as were the preliminary scenes about the "gold room" to-night, there were many new faces. The faithful doorkeeper was wary about letting in some of the new visitors. Several Patterson men from Pennsylvania had to be identified before they could enter the conference.

The same Indiana men who participated in Friday night's proceedings were on hand, Green, Smith and Bynum towering above their associates. There were new faces from Ohio. A few Buckeye delegates were ushered in and given the "glad hand." They were welcomed almost as converts, for the word had gone out that McLean had whipped every Ohio delegate into his camp.

Clarke, of Youngstown, who has a contest, showed his courage by going into the gold camp. This seemed like suicide, as the Credentials Committee will undoubtedly be dominated by the silver contingent. W. C. Whitney opened the ball. His remarks caused cheers, which could be heard in the deserted Bland headquarters far away downstairs.

"TELLER ALONE CAN WIN."

Senator Pettigrew Says If He Is Not Nominated the Democratic Party Will Be Ruined.

Chicago, July 5.

To W. R. Hearst, the Journal, New York: I do not know what this convention will do. The Democratic party has a chance for its existence in the campaign if it will only act sensibly and nominate Teller. If it does not the party is gone, for it cannot elect a candidate of its own. It will lose Missouri, Kentucky and Illinois unless it acts in connection with the free silver wing of the Republican party and the Populists. The Populists will endorse Teller, but will not destroy their organization by merging with the Democrats on anybody else. It makes no difference what we as individuals may decide to do or whom we may support. I will support any candidate for free silver, but my friends will not. The silver wing of the Republican party will vote for a ticket with the Democratic caption, providing it is headed by Teller. But it will not vote for an out-and-out Democrat.

The Republican party is divided, and many of its members are in favor of free silver, but they are not in favor of anything that is Democratic. If the Democracy does not accept the opportunity that is offered it in four years there will be no Democracy. It will be simply a memory. There will be a silver convention in St. Louis, no matter what this convention does, and there will also be a Populist convention. If all three declare for Teller his election is certain. R. F. PETTIGREW, United States Senator from South Dakota.

ALTGELD GETS A SET BACK.

Finds That "Buck" Hinrichsen Owns the Illinois Delegates.

The Governor Had to Lead a Forlorn Hope or Take the Second Place.

His Trusted Lieutenants, In His Absence, Did Effective Missionary Work.

Laid the Offer of Thirty-one Pledged Votes at the Feet of the Bland Managers.

THE ILLINOIS MEN GREW WEARY.

Did Not Fancy the Czar-Like Bearing of Their Governor, So They Were Easily Induced to Desert His Standard.

Journal Convention Headquarters, Palmer House, Chicago, July 5.—Governor Altgeld is no longer king of the Illinois delegation. He has been deposed and superseded by his former lieutenant, "Buck" Hinrichsen. This feat was accomplished while the Governor was in Springfield attending to the duties of his office. Upon the Governor's return to the city yesterday he was informed of what had happened and was asked what he was going to do about it.

Hinrichsen announced that he had thirty-one of the forty-eight delegates under his control, and he offered the Governor the choice between the leadership of the remaining sixteen or the position of first lieutenant. The Governor took the matter under advisement for a few hours and then sent word that he preferred to fight under the Hinrichsen colors rather than to attempt to lead the minority wing of the delegation.

That this change in the command of the Illinois delegation is an assured fact was evidenced when thirty-one votes of Illinois' forty-eight were laid at the feet of the Bland managers yesterday. It was not Governor Altgeld who delivered the goods, or rather promised their delivery, but Hinrichsen.

Altgeld Got All the Credit.

This coup of Hinrichsen's has been expected for some time. Notwithstanding the fact that Altgeld has posed as the head, front and whole thing in the Illinois Democracy, he has in reality been nothing more than a joint boss with Hinrichsen. In fact, it has been nip and tuck between the two for some time as to which had the most strength. Altgeld was the recognized head of the machine, but Hinrichsen was the power behind and before the throne. Hinrichsen, and not Altgeld, was the original free silver agitator among the Illinois Democrats. Hinrichsen was a shout for the white metal for some time before the Governor took up the fight. If those on the inside are to be believed, it was Hinrichsen, and Hinrichsen alone, who made of Altgeld a free silver man. Not until within the past eighteen months has Altgeld been known as an opponent of the gold standard.

When he was elected Governor, four years ago, the money question cut very little figure, and it was the general supposition then that Altgeld was neither for nor against the present standard.

During the past year the Governor has developed his views on the financial question to a wonderful extent, until to-day he is conceded to be one of the leading cham-

pions in the free silver cause. This reputation is based, however, largely upon the fact that the Illinois Democratic machine has been turned over body and soul to the silverites.

The glory of making this feat possible and of accomplishing it has nearly all fallen to Altgeld. A few crumbs were given to Hinrichsen, but a very few, yet it is claimed that it was through Hinrichsen's fine work more than through that of any one else that the fight was won. This fact undoubtedly nettled Hinrichsen, and he determined to overthrow the Governor and reap a few fruits of victory for himself. This was not so hard a task as might have been supposed.

Objected to Czar-Like Tactics.

Altgeld, while he was in command, was supreme dictator. He had his way about everything. This policy of "czaring" it soon became very unpopular, and no sooner had the Governor left the city on Friday than Hinrichsen took advantage of his absence and began to foment a revolt in the delegation. Success was won with very little trouble, and within twenty-four hours he managed to capture thirty-one of Altgeld's supporters. With these in his inside pocket he looked about for a good investment.

The Bland boom yesterday appeared to have made the greatest headway, and with the Bland men Hinrichsen decided to cast his lot. Of the sixteen men who have not yet secured seats in the Hinrichsen band wagon eleven show a disposition to jump the traces entirely. They will not jump so far as to get outside of the free silver tent, but they are able to get far enough away to be of little use to either Hinrichsen or Altgeld.

If the unit rule prevails, as it undoubtedly will, the eleven recalcitrants will cut no figure when it comes to a ballot, but the loss of eleven good hard workers will cripple the Hinrichsen machine materially. Besides a solid delegation is even more powerful in a convention than one that is split, no matter how small. The eleven insist that Hinrichsen has no business to promise Illinois' support to Bland or any one else without first consulting the whole delegation. Hinrichsen evidently thought different. He secured promises from thirty-one delegates to follow whatever pace he might set and then did as he pleased.

Altgeld Kept Under Guard.

Governor Altgeld remained in his parlor, adjoining the Illinois' headquarters, during the day. The door to his room was guarded. In response to a question as to the attitude of the Illinois delegation, however, he said:

"We met this evening, but deferred action on everything until to-morrow. Yes, there is an undoubted majority of the delegation for Bland, and though the unit rule prevails I cannot say positively that he will be our choice. It looks, however, as if we will enter the convention for Bland."

"I have heard that some objection was made to Bland's cause of his record in Congress against pensions. But that may not count for much. Four years ago the Democrats were wild for Cleveland, and yet he had established a record as the most determined opponent to pensioning the Union soldiers ever known in the country's history. At the meeting to-morrow the delegation will name the members of the several committees to be appointed."

ARRANGING THE PLANKS.

Free Silver Men Fixing the Platform—Administration Not to Be Even Mentioned.

Chicago, July 5.—Free silver leaders who have been selected by the respective delegations as members of the Committee on Resolutions, and others who will undoubtedly form a part of that important organization, have to-day been conferring together with respect to the text of the platform and the subjects that shall be mentioned therein.

Only upon the financial plank has there been any definite agreement. The exact text has not been finally determined, but that is matter of detail that can be easily arranged when the committee gets together. That it will be a short, clear-cut, concise declaration for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1 is a foregone conclusion.

The indications are that those who have hoped the platform would ignore other matters will be disappointed. The Wilson Tariff act will be incidentally indorsed, at least. If the United States Senators are permitted to have their way, the platform will declare that the present tariff law should remain untouched until the exigencies of the occasion prove that a modification is absolutely necessary.

The Administration will not be mentioned in the platform. Some of the more radical of the silver men want an emphatic condemnation of the financial policy of President Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle inserted in the platform, but it is believed that, while the Administration will escape censure, the convention will likewise refuse to commend it and that any suggestion the gold men may offer will be voted down by the solid free silver vote of the convention.

There was a great deal of talk to-day favorable to a plank that smacks very largely of what is known as "gingdom." The sympathy of the Democratic party will be expressed for suffering Cuba and a demand made for the recognition of its independence. It is not impossible that the desire to "even things up" with the Administration may lead to the adoption of a plank on this subject that will be equally strong as that adopted at St. Louis.

GERMANY NOW FOR MCKINLEY.

Fears of Tariff Give Place to Praise of His Gold Standard Platform.

Berlin, July 5.—The Liberal and single-standard newspapers express themselves as satisfied with McKinley's gold standard declaration and the allied plank in the platform adopted by the Republican National Convention in St. Louis.

The Vossische Zeitung, despite its fears that there may be further high protection legislation in the United States, hails the nomination of the Customs tariff as a "welcome deliverance from many worse things which could have happened."

The Tagesspiegel points a homily upon American politics in which it declares that the American corrupt plutocracy and the system of professional politics are bringing the United States to ruin, concluding by saying: "It will be well if gold wins the day."

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